Electrification of Vijayawada Division

2847. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the details of the progress in electrification work in Vijayawada Division and the amount spent thereon so far, indicating also the total cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Electrification of Krishna Canal-Guntur-Tenali Section of the Vijayawada Division is in progress. The work is estimated to cost Rs. 8.59 crores.

Railway trains from Hyderabad to Jammu Tawi, Trivandrum, Rameswaram and Vijayawada to Jammu Tawi

2848. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce direct trains between Vijayawada—Jammu Tawi, Hyderabad—Jammu Tawi, Hyderabad—Trivandrum/Kanyakumari and Hyderabad—Rameswaram; and

(b) if so, by when these trains are proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DTC fare structure

2849. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Transport Corporation issued a Statement regarding fare hike and informed commuters that Rs. 0.50 ticket is up to six kilometres in an ordinary bus;

(b) if so, the details of the fare hike;

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi Transport Corporation is issuing tickets on fare stage basis and not on kilometre basis; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given below:—

Distance Kms.	Pre-revised fare (paise)	Revised fare (paise)
0-4	30	50
4-6	40	50
6-16	40	100
16-20	50	150
20+	75	150
Night/Deluxe Point to Point/ Limited Stop Services/ Railway Specials and P-Services.	100	200

(c) and (d) The pattern of fare structure adopted by DTC is telescopic in nature. The fares are fixed on route distances and the fare charged is calculated on the basis of distance between fare stages, taking into account distance between origin and destination of the route. The charging of fares with reference to fare stages is the practical and established method.

Medical aid to SC/STs in Andhra Pradesh

2850. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any comprehensive scheme for free medical aid to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes implemented by the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes people benefited thereby; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce a comprehensive scheme for free medical aid to them and if so, the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Government is not aware of any such scheme.

(b Does not arise.

(c) The Government do not have any information on this subject. However, free medical aid to the poor and needy is available in all Central Government hospitals.

T.B. Centre in each district in Andhra Pradesh

2851. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to set up Tuberculosis (T.B.) Centres in every district of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the allocations made for that purpose; and

(c) the Centres/places/districts selected to set up T.B. Centres in Andhra Pradesh and the amount earmarked for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The scheme of establishment of Tuberculosis Centre in the districts are included in State Plan Sector. As such no financial assistance was provided for this purpose. So far 366 districts TB Centres have been established in the country. Anti TB Drugs/material and equipments are supplied to the State and Union Territories under the National T.B. Control Programe.

(c) All the 23 districts of Andhra Pradesh have fulfledged Districts TB Centres.

Irregularities in C.I.H.

2952. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee has been appointed to look into the serious charges of irregularities in the C.I.H.;

(b) if so, what are the details of the charges along with the terms of reference of the Committee; and

(c) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) An internal committee of two officers of the Ministry has been constituted to look into the complaints received about alleged financial/administrative irregularities in the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra. The Committee would be visiting the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, in the middle of December 1986 and is expected to submit its report soon thereafter.

Foreign visits of V.C., Jawaharlal Nehru University

2953. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vice-Chancellor of the Jawaharlal Nehru University has recently visited some foreign countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of India had prohibited the Vice-Chancellor to visit any foreign country;

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what action Government propose to take in the matter;